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France calls out 400,000 mere boys—for the infantry of course.

Mr. Ford's voyagers won't be the only pacifists that are all at sea.

1916 will witness seven eclipses—three of the sun, three of the moon and one of the G. O. P.

You can't make a woman believe it, but everybody recognizes a Drug Store Complexion as soon as he sees it.

Everybody seems to favor some plan of increasing national revenue that will put most of the revenue on the other fellow.

A college professor says that spanking leaves no mark except on the memory. Radical changes in spanking since our day, believe us!

#### THE REASON WHY.

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#### PUTTING A PREMIUM ON CRIME.

It is rumored that J. E. McGlone, defaulting Circuit Court Clerk of Carter county, will be allowed to make good his shortage and go free. If this is done it will not speak well for the officers charged with the enforcement of the law in that county. So long as men who steal public money are permitted to escape a term in prison by paying a part or all of the money back, that long will the law will be held in disrepute and other potential thieves be encouraged to commit like crimes.

A defaulter should not escape the penitentiary because he comes of a good family. It might be the cause of some other member of his family making a like mistake.

One of the last acts of Governor McCreary was to grant unconditional pardons to a half-dozen men convicted of murder. We venture the prediction that before two years have elapsed one or more of these pardoned men will again be on trial for taking the life of a fellow-man, and if this prediction comes true the venerable ex-Governor will be in a measure responsible for the crime.

When a man, who is mentally responsible, commits a crime he ought to be convicted, and after this is done he ought to stay convicted until he has paid the full penalty.

#### APPROVING THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message which President Wilson delivered to Congress last week has attracted more attention than any other message to Congress during the last thirty years.

It is admitted by all that the state papers of President Wilson rank very high, but none of the others equal the last one in the epoch making events which it inaugurated.

From every location the great chorus of approval is swelling wider and wider and louder and louder; for the country realizes now as never before that the vast and unlimited wealth of this great country is "no longer safe" without adequate defense.

The American idea of preparedness is to be a citizenry trained to arms so that if we are attacked, as some of the nations of Europe have been attacked, we will be ready to meet the aggressor with trained men. President Wilson is acting on the same principle as any city, which organizes a police and fire department for the protection of life and property.

The part of President Wilson's message which flays the "disloyal citizens," that is, the hyphenated variety, was most warmly applauded by Congress. There is an urgent necessity for a law making it an "act of treason" for anyone to injure the industries of this country with a view of conferring any kind of benefit on a foreign country. Congress will undoubtedly pass a law so drastic that that the "hyphenated animals" which have been abusing their privileges in this country will be shot in the future and their property confiscated if any more activity is indulged in resulting in or aiming at violence of any sort, for the benefit of a foreign nation.

#### SCISSORS & PASTE

Good Things Clipped from Our Exchanges with an Occasional Comment By the Editor.

Snakes Walk on Their Ribs. Have you ever wondered how a

snake runs without any legs? The snake's legs have been a source of myths and mysterious tales since ancient times. There is an old story, which some persons still believe, that if you throw a snake into the fire it will show its legs. The story, of

#### KENTUCKY'S STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS

(By Hon. James B. McCreary, Governor of Kentucky.)

A State Department of Public Roads was advocated by me when I was a candidate for Governor of Kentucky. After I was elected I recommended in my message to the General Assembly the enactment of a law providing for a Department of Public Roads, and an appropriation and a proper comprehensive act was passed.

The people of Kentucky are in favor of good roads. They know that good roads mean a decrease in the expense of hauling products to market and in getting goods home from the place of purchase. They know that good roads increase the value of farms, mean better access to schools and to churches, and better and more attractive environments.

The Commissioner of Public Roads appointed by me has been active and successful in his organization. He has sent bulletins and literature and has furnished plans



J. B. McCREARY  
Former Governor of Kentucky.

and specifications and estimates of cost for many bridges and made many surveys for sites, assisted in road and bridge building, and the sentiment in favor of good public roads has been greatly strengthened.

The law creating the department set aside from the license tax on automobiles, which constitutes the State Road Fund, the amount which has been necessary to make the road service efficient.

The new road law in Kentucky has met but little opposition, and where it has been given a fair and impartial trial by county officials, and the county road engineers have been given an opportunity to perform their duties unhampered, it has been entirely satisfactory.

The State of Kentucky no doubt, will continue the progressive policies so successfully instituted.

A system of good roads is the basis of the country's progress and upon this largely depends its material development and prosperity. Public roads have been compared to the veins and arteries in the human body, by which the circulation is carried on, and when they are clogged, or are not in good condition, the usual functions are impeded and vitally diminished.

I am in favor of the United States Government aiding, to a proper extent, in the building of roads. Large amounts of money are appropriated annually by Congress for rivers and harbors, for irrigation and for government buildings, and in the same line Congress should appropriate money to aid in the construction of public roads.

This can never be an ideal country to live in until it is interlaced with a network of highways and the highways so marked as to direct the traveler which road to take to reach his destination.

A man who is opposed to road improvement is worth about as much to a locality as a safety razor is to a colored man at a Georgia picnic.

Never can we have excellent roads until we adopt a patrol system of repair and maintenance.

course is purely a myth, for the very good reason that snakes have no legs. Strictly speaking, they walk on their ribs.

A snake's ribs are jointed at the backbone, and extend down over each side of the body. The ends are connected with plates on the under side of the snake. These plates have projecting edges, which take hold of the surface of objects beneath the reptile. When the snake moves his ribs, therefore, he can move forward just as readily and as swiftly as though he had 1,000 legs.

Perhaps you have tried the experiment of putting a snake on a smooth plate of glass and watching its vain attempts to run. The reason that the snake cannot move is because the projecting edges of these plates can find nothing to take hold of on the smooth surface.—Philadelphia North American.

#### THE WOLF AT THE DOOR!



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